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1. PURPOSE

This regulation provides the standards and procedures for establishing and reclassifying positions in the State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician, State Transitional Professional, State Transitional Manager, and Departmental Trainee classifications. These classifications may be used to facilitate the movement of career employees to new career fields while maintaining the employees' current pay rates and employment preference rights. ~~Upon~~-After successful completion of the transition periods, the employees are reclassified to the proper classifications in the new career fields.

2. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULE REFERENCE**

Rule 1-3 Regulations and Advisories

The state personnel director is authorized to issue regulations and advisories that the director deems to be necessary or useful. A regulation issued by the state personnel director is binding unless the commission finds that the regulation violates a rule. An advisory does not have the force and effect of law and is not binding. The state personnel director shall make all regulations and advisories available to employees through their personnel offices and the internet.

Rule 4-1 Position Establishment and Classification

4-1.1 Requirement

All positions must be established in the classified service unless specifically exempted or excepted by article 11, section 5, of the constitution, or these rules.

4-1.2 Classification

A position established in the classified service must be reviewed to classify the position properly.

4-1.3 Authority to Establish

The appointing authority may establish a position for reasons of administrative efficiency. An appointment cannot be made to a position until it has been established and classified.

4-1.4 Classification Plan

The commission shall authorize an official classification plan for all positions in the classified service. The department of civil service shall administer the official classification plan.

(a) Classification. *Every position established must be classified in accordance with the official classification plan.*

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Rule 4-2 Position Classification Review

The department of civil service shall provide for both a periodic and ongoing review of positions in the classified service to ensure positions continue to be properly classified.

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(b) Frequency of review. *The classification of an occupied position may be reviewed once in any 12-month period, unless otherwise approved by the state personnel director. When a significant, substantial, or material change has occurred in the duties and responsibilities, the department of civil service may require the appointing authority to establish a new position that is properly*

classified. The classification of a position or appointment of an employee to a position constitutes a position review for the purposes of this rule.

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3. **STANDARDS**

A. **State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician.**

The State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician classification facilitates career movement of employees with administrative or other office support experience into business-related technician classifications.

1. State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician positions may be established when the appointment of an employee to a business-related technician position would result in reduction of compensation, because the prospective employee does not possess the required experience for the level in the classification series that has a pay rate equal to or higher than the employee's current pay rate.
2. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129) and position description to the Department of Civil Service to establish a State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician position. The Department of Civil Service designates the proper classification and level on the CS-129 form to which the position will be reclassified upon-after completion of the transitional period.
3. If the State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician classification is used to facilitate the movement of an employee to a position that will ultimately be classified at the advanced level, position-specific or universal advanced classification standards must be approved at the time of the employee's appointment.
4. Regulation 3.07 [Appointments and Job Changes], standard B.4., requires the Department of Civil Service service review of qualifications of applicants for all classifications that have not been preauthorized for credential review.
5. The-An employee may be reclassified to the new technician classification upon-after successful completion of the experience requirements for the class. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level.
6. An appointing authority may request reclassification of the employee after the equivalent of 6 months of full-time service, if the An employee entered-appointed to a the State Transitional Business and Administration Technician classification from a directly-related position

classified at or above the 9 level in the Equitable Classification Plan (ECP) Group 1 may be reclassified after successful completion of the equivalent of 6 months of full-time experience in the transitional classification.

7. Regulation 5.01 [General Salary Schedule Administration], standard L., establishes standards for salary upon appointment of the employee into the State Transitional Business and Administrative Technician classification.
8. The effective date assigned to an approved reclassification is in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions].
9. Regulation 2.01 [Implementing a Reduction in Force for Nonexclusively Represented Employees], standard D., provides guidance for treatment of transitional positions in ~~that the~~ event of a reduction in force (RIF).

B. State Transitional Professional.

The State Transitional Professional classification facilitates career movement of employees who wish to make a change to a new, professional field.

1. To be eligible for the State Transitional Professional classification, an employee must either (a) possess a bachelor's degree or higher-level degree, (b) be classified have status in a classified professional position classification, or have status (c) be classified in a the Senior Executive Management Assistant Service (SEMAS) 11-15 levels, or have status in a SEMAS designated position, or (d) possess the alternate education and experience identified on the classification specification as qualifying for entry into a professional classification.
2. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129), a position description, and any other information necessary to the Department of Civil Service to establish a State Transitional Professional position. The Department of Civil Service designates the proper classification and level on the CS-129 form to which the position will be reclassified after completion of the transitional period. (Previously #3)
3. If a State Transitional Professional classification is used to facilitate the movement of an employee to a position that will ultimately be classified at the advanced level, position-specific or universal advanced classification standards must be approved at the time of the employee's appointment.
24. Regulation 3.07 [Appointments and Job Changes], standard B.4., requires ~~the Department of Civil Service service~~ review of the

qualifications of applicants for all classifications that have not been preauthorized for credential review.

- ~~3. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129) and position description to the Department of Civil Service to establish a State Transitional Professional position. The Department of Civil Service designates the proper classification and level on the CS-129 form to which the position will be reclassified upon completion of the transitional period. **(Renumbered to 2 above)**~~
- ~~5. An employee may be reclassified to the new professional classification after successful completion of the experience requirements for the class. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level. **(Moved from previous 12 below)**~~
- ~~4. Regulation 5.01 [General Salary Schedule Administration], standard L., establishes standards for salary upon appointment of the employee into the State Transitional Professional classification. **(Renumbered to new 11 below)**~~
- ~~5. The only prior work experience that may support an accelerated reclassification is other professional work experience.~~
6. An employee ~~entering the~~appointed to a State Transitional Professional ~~classification position~~ from an ~~ECP Group 2 position at the~~professional 10-12 level, ~~or equivalent~~ SEMAS 11-15 level, or a professional ~~specialist or managerial 13-15 level job classification~~ may be reclassified to the intermediate (10) level of the ~~new professional~~specific classification ~~upon after~~ successful completion of the equivalent of ~~six~~6 months of full-time experience in the transitional classification.
7. An employee ~~entering the~~appointed to a State Transitional Professional ~~classification position~~ from a professional P11-12 level, SEMAS 11-15 level, position or an ~~ECP Group 2 position at the~~ P11 level or ~~equivalent~~professional specialist or managerial 13-15 level job classification may be reclassified to the experienced (P11) level of the ~~new professional~~specific classification ~~upon after~~ successful completion of the equivalent of one year of full-time experience in the transitional classification.
8. An employee ~~entering the~~appointed to a State Transitional Professional ~~classification position~~ from a professional ~~classification in the~~ ECP Groups 2 and 3 at the ~~advanced~~12 level, SEMAS 13-15 level, or ~~equivalent~~ a professional specialist or managerial 13-15 level job classification may be reclassified to the advanced (12) level of the ~~new professional~~specific classification ~~upon after~~ successful completion of the equivalent of 18 months of full-time experience in the transitional classification.

9. An employee ~~entering the~~appointed to a State Transitional Professional ~~classification position~~ from a SEMAS ~~13 or 15 position level~~ or an ~~ECP Group 2 or 3 at the professional specialist or managerial 13, 14, or 15 level professional position job classification~~ may be reclassified to the ~~proper specialist level in of the new specific professional~~ classification ~~upon after~~ successful completion of the equivalent of two years of full-time experience in the transitional classification.
10. A master's or higher level degree or a recognized occupational license that is not minimally required for the new classification and is directly related to the work may be substituted for six months of qualifying experience in accordance with regulation 4.05 [Frequency of Review of Positions], standard E.1.
11. Regulation 5.01 [General Salary Schedule Administration], standard L., establishes standards for salary upon appointment of the employee into the State Transitional Professional classification.
12. The effective date assigned to an approved reclassification is in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions]. (Moved from 13 below)
- ~~11~~13. Regulation 2.01 [Implementing a Reduction in Force for Nonexclusively Represented Employees (~~NERES~~)], standard D., provides guidance for treatment of transitional positions in ~~that the~~ event of a RIF.
- ~~12. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level. (Moved to 5 above)~~
- ~~13. The effective date assigned to an approved reclassification is in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions].~~

C. State Transitional Professional Manager.

The State Transitional Manager classification facilitates career movement of employees from one professional managerial classification to another professional managerial classification.

1. To be eligible for the State Transitional Manager classification, ~~the an~~ employee must satisfy the educational requirements for the new classification and have status in a classified professional managerial classification.
2. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129), a position description, and any other information necessary to the Department of Civil Service to establish the State Transitional Manager position. The Department of Civil Service designates the

proper classification and level on the CS-129 form to which the position will be reclassified upon completion of the transitional period. (Renumbered from 3 below, with minor revision)

23. Regulation 3.07 [Appointments and Job Changes], standard B.4., requires ~~Department of Civil Service~~ review of qualifications of applicants for all classifications that have not been preauthorized for credential review.

~~3. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129) and position description to the Department of Civil Service to establish a State Transitional Manager position. The Department of Civil Service designates the proper classification and level on the CS-129 to which the position will be reclassified upon completion of the transitional period.~~

~~4. An employee may be reclassified to the new managerial position after successful completion of the one-year probationary period in the State Transitional Manager classification. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level. (Renumbered from 5 below)~~

45. Regulation 5.01 [General Salary Schedule Administration], standard L., establishes standards for salary upon appointment of the employee into the State Transitional Manager classification.

~~5. The employee may be reclassified to the new managerial position upon successful completion of the probationary period in the State Transitional Manager classification. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level.~~

6. The effective dates assigned to the establishment and reclassification requests are in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions].

7. Regulation 2.01 [Implementing a Reduction in Force for Nonexclusively Represented Employees (NEREs)], standard D., provides guidance for treatment of transitional positions in that the event of a RIF.

D. Departmental Trainee.

The Departmental Trainee classifications facilitate career movement of employees who do not possess bachelor's degrees into designated professional classifications, based on specific state classified experience that has provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform professional tasks.

1. The appointing authority must submit a Position Action Request form (CS-129) to the Department of Civil Service to establish the position. The Department of Civil Service designates the proper classification on the CS-129 form to which the position will be reclassified upon completion of the transitional period. A position description may also be required to establish the position.
2. If a Departmental Trainee classification is used to facilitate the movement of an employee to a position that will ultimately be classified at the advanced level, position-specific or universal advanced classification standards must be approved at the time of the employee's appointment. (Renumbered from previous 4 below)
23. Regulation 3.07 [Appointments and Job Changes], standard B.4., requires the Department of Civil Service service review of qualifications of applicants for all classifications that have not been preauthorized for credential review.
4. An employee may be reclassified to the new professional classification after successful completion of the experience requirements for the class. A reclassification action requires civil service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level. If the reclassification would result in a pay decrease, the employee remains in the Departmental Trainee classification for another year.
35. Regulation 5.01 [General Salary Schedule Administration], standard ML., establishes standards for salary upon appointment of the employee into the Departmental Trainee classification.
- ~~4. If a Departmental Trainee classification is used to facilitate the movement of an employee to a position that will ultimately be classified at the advanced level, position-specific or universal advanced classification standards must be approved at the time of the employee's appointment.~~
- ~~5. An employee who has successfully completed the one-year period in the Departmental Trainee classification may be reclassified to the appropriate professional classification (pay grade 10). If the reclassification would result in a pay decrease, the employee remains in the Departmental Trainee classification for another year.~~
- ~~6. An employee who has successfully completed the second year in the Departmental Trainee classification may be reclassified to the appropriate professional classification (pay grade 11). If the reclassification would result in a pay decrease, the employee remains in the classification for another year until eligible for reclassification to the advanced level.~~

- ~~7. An employee who has successfully completed the third year in the Departmental Trainee classification may be reclassified to the advanced level, provided Standard D.4. (above) has been satisfied.~~
- ~~6. The effective date assigned to an approved reclassification is in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions]. (Renumbered from 10 below)~~
- 87. Regulation 2.01 [Implementing a Reduction-in-Force for Nonexclusively Represented Employees (NERES)], standard D., provides guidance for treatment of transitional positions in the event of a RIF.
- ~~9. A reclassification action requires Civil Service review and approval and the appointing authority's certification that the employee is satisfactorily performing at the requested level. (Incorporated in 4 above)~~
- ~~10. The effective date assigned to an approved reclassification is in accordance with regulation 4.04 [Effective Dates for Classification Actions].~~

4. **PROCEDURES**

A. Establishment of a Transitional Position.

Responsibility	Action
Appointing Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submits a Position Action Request form (CS-129), a Position Description form (CS-214), and any other information necessary to establish the appropriate state transitional position or reclassify a vacant position to the appropriate state transitional classification. 2. When necessary, submits request for credential review in accordance with regulation 3.07, standard B.4.
Department of Civil Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Reviews the position action request and any credential review requests. 4. Enters the necessary information in the Human Resources Management Network (HRMN), if approved. 5. Releases the CS-129 form and credential review decisions to the appointing authority.

Responsibility	Action
Appointing Authority	6. Receives the CS-129 form and verifies information in the HRMN.

B. Reclassification of the Staffed Transitional Position.

Responsibility	Action
Appointing Authority	1. After the employee has served the required period in the appropriate state transitional classification, submits a CS-129 form, a Position Description (CS-214) form, and any other documentation to reclassify the position to the proper classification.
	2. Certifies on the CS-129 form that the conditions outlined in the standards are met.
Department of Civil Service	3. Reviews the request and documents decision. Assigns an effective date and determines the appropriate classification.
	4. Enters the necessary position information in the HRMN.
	5. Releases the approval action to the appointing authority. If the classification action is disapproved, informs employee of their appeal rights.
Appointing Authority	6. Receives the CS-129 form and enters employee information in the HRMN.

CONTACT

Questions regarding this regulation should be directed to the Department of Civil Service, P.O. Box 30002, 400 South Pine Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909; by telephone, at 517-373-3048 or 1-800-788-1766; or by e-mail to MDCS-BHRS@michigan.gov.

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